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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday,

1st December, 1937.
16th Vrischigam, 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. K. T. Mathew, E. Ikkanda Warriar, R. Viswanathan Chettiar and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Financial aid—School for the Deaf and Dumb.

51. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a school for the Deaf and Dumb has been opened in the State;

(b) whether any teaching grant is being given to the institution; and if not,

(c) whether any stipend is being given to the pupils in the institution; and if not,

(d) whether any sort of financial aid is being given to the institution;

(e) whether there are pupils from Cochin State in the Deaf and Dumb school at Palamcottah; and if so,

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(f) how many are there and to which part or parts of the State they belong;

(g) whether any stipend is being given to them; and if so, how much per pupil per month;

(h) whether the parents of these pupils are very poor, and their names and addresses;

(i) whether the parents pay any fee to the school (Palamcottah) either towards tuition fee or boarding and lodging expenses;

(j) whether any stipend is being given to the poor pupils attending the school for the Deaf and Dumb in the State and not paying any fee at all?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) Two—to Palanji.

(g) Yes. Rs. 6 per pupil per month.

(h) The parents are not able to support the pupils at school.

K. C. Varathappan Palanji.

M. V. Ukkru do

(i) No.

(j) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know, Sir, when this school was started?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—It was started in the middle of Chingam, this year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Has there been any request from the school authorities for any aid from Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—There was a request.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know what has become of that request?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Government have not been able to find funds yet for giving aid to this new school. Even for classes started in 1111 and 1112, the question of aid is still pending.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know what strength that school has?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I have not yet received the attendance report of the first quarter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is there any method of finding some funds for helping such a school for the deaf and dumb?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is premature to give a definite answer. There are only two ways open, one by moving for additional allotment and the other, by transfer of allotment. Transfer is impossible, as funds are limited under all heads. When funds are available, priority will be given to this school.

Grant—Deaf and Dumb School—payment of.

52. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a school for the Deaf and Dumb in the State:—

(b) when was the school opened;

(c) whether the Government was not informed about the opening of the school before the school was actually opened;

(d) whether a copy of the letter of the Director of Public Instruction D. No. 8493/12, dated 11th February 1937 be printed and placed on the table;

(e) whether the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction was not accepted by the Government; and

(f) whether any grant is now being given to the school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(a) Yes.

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